

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. – 4. (canceled)
5. (currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence ~~selected from the group consisting of:~~ of SEQ ID NO: 14.
 - a) ~~— a mature form of the amino acid sequence given SEQ ID NO: 14;~~
 - b) ~~— a variant of a mature form of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 14, wherein any amino acid in the mature form of the chosen sequence is changed to a different amino acid, provided that no more than 15% of the amino acid residues in the sequence of the mature form are so changed;~~
 - e) ~~— the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 14;~~
 - d) ~~— a variant of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 14, in which any amino acid specified in the chosen sequence is changed to a different amino acid, provided that no more than 15% of the amino acid residues in the sequence are so changed;~~
 - e) ~~— a nucleic acid fragment encoding at least a portion of a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 14, or any variant of said polypeptide wherein any amino acid of the chosen sequence is changed to a different amino acid, provided that no more than 10% of the amino acid residues in the sequence are so changed; and~~
 - f) ~~— the complement of any of said nucleic acid molecules.~~
6. (currently amended) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 5, wherein the nucleic acid molecule comprises the nucleotide sequence of a ~~naturally occurring allelic nucleic acid variant~~ SEQ ID NO: 13.
7. – 11. (canceled)
12. (currently amended) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of ~~claim 11~~ claim 5.

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13. (original) The vector of claim 12, further comprising a promoter operably linked to said nucleic acid molecule.
14. (currently amended) [[A]] An isolated cell comprising the vector of claim 12.
15. - 26. (canceled)
27. (currently amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 5 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
28. - 29. (canceled)
30. (original) A kit comprising in one or more containers, the pharmaceutical composition of claim 27.
31. - 35. (canceled)
36. (new) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:13.
37. (new) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a fragment of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:13, wherein the fragment encompasses a nucleotide corresponding to position 278 of SEQ ID NO: 13.
38. (new) The isolated polynucleotide of claim 37, wherein the nucleotide is T.